

Berryessa Extension: Upper Penitencia Creek Improvement Project FACT SHEET

Overview

The Upper Penitencia Creek Improvement Project will restore and enhance a portion of Upper Penitencia Creek along Berryessa Road near the Union Pacific Railroad crossing in San Jose. The project will fulfill environmental mitigation requirements associated with the BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project. Planned construction of the Berryessa Extension without mitigations would result in the following environmental impacts: loss of earthen drainage ditches along the entire 10-mile project alignment and impacts to sensitive habitat in Upper Penitencia Creek during the removal of an existing Union Pacific bridge and replacement of a concrete box culvert.

Project Timeline

Environmental Clearance:

2011

Site Grading and Creek Construction:

June – October 2012

Project Features

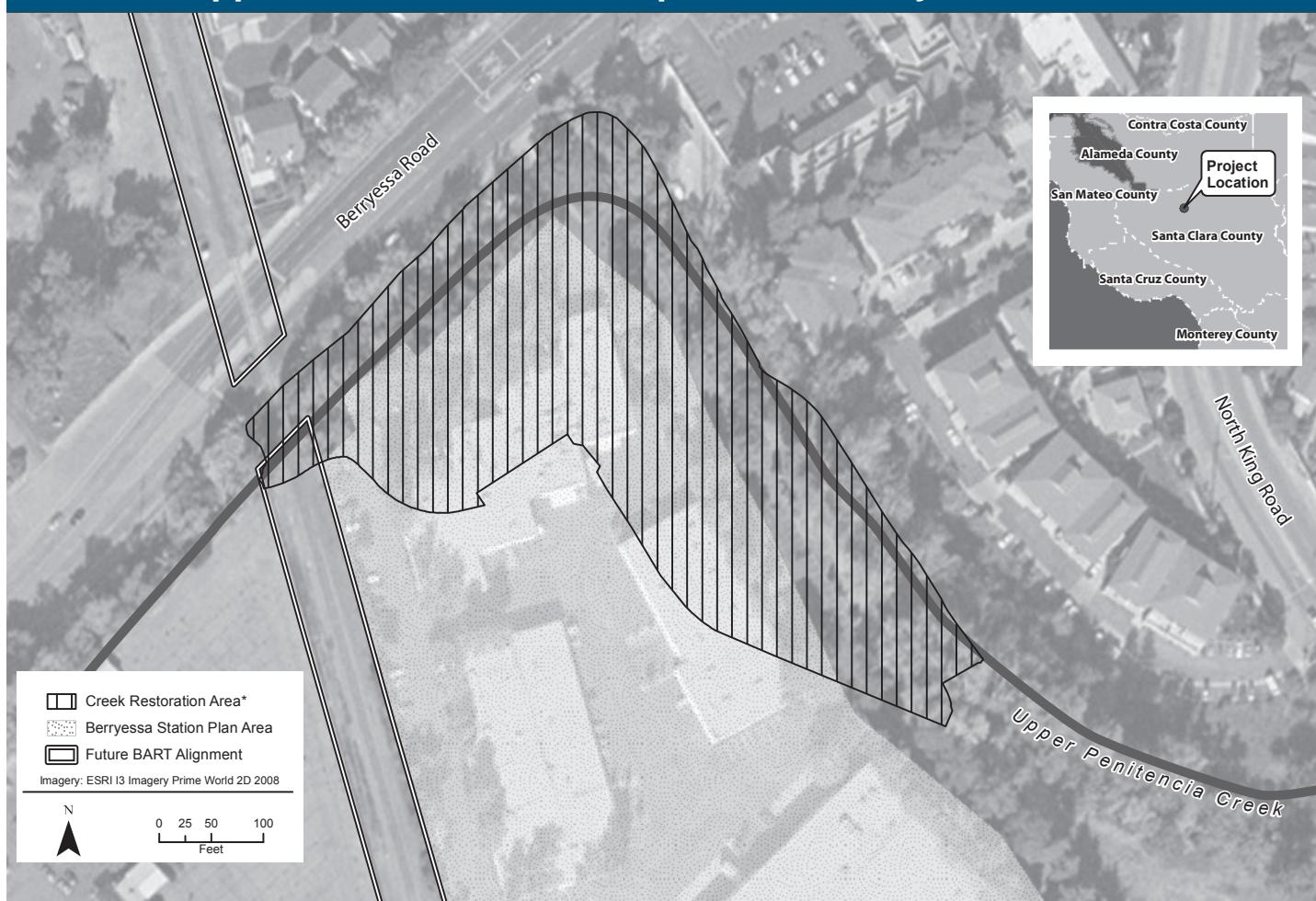
- Realign a portion of Upper Penitencia Creek, increasing distance from commercial buildings and residential homes
- Improve the existing highly degraded condition of the eastern and northern banks of the creek
- Create a floodplain, remove non-native vegetation and replant with native wetland and riparian plantings
- Improve fish passage for federal and state protected Central California Coast steelhead

How to Reach Us

For more information about the Upper Penitencia Creek Improvement Project or BART Silicon Valley please contact VTA-BART Outreach at (408) 934-2662, TTY for hearing impaired (408) 321-2330.

You may also visit us on the web at www.vta.org/bart or www.vta.org/projects/habitat.html. Email us at vtabart@vta.org.

Upper Penitencia Creek Improvement Project Location



* Note: Prior to construction of this project, the site will be cleared and graded for construction activities associated with the BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension (SVBX) Project.

Berryessa UPC 102811

Berryessa Station Site Plan with Upper Penitencia Creek Improvement Project Layout

